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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule**

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Adds [312 IAC 9-1-9.7](#) to define the term "inland water". Adds [312 IAC 9-1-13.5](#) to define the term "seine". Amends [312 IAC 9-6-2](#) to clarify the measurement of paddlefish. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-17](#) governing fishing guide licenses to change the title of the license to a fishing guide license. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-19](#) to specify that a roe harvester's license is required to take paddlefish from public waters. Amends [312 IAC 9-8-1](#) governing commercial fishing by adding general requirements and definitions of terms used throughout [312 IAC 9-8](#). Amends [312 IAC 9-8-2](#) governing commercial fishing except on the Ohio River to clarify the bodies of water where the license is valid, specify that a roe harvester's license is required to take shovelnose sturgeon, and allow a license holder to submit an inactive license form. Amends [312 IAC 9-8-4](#) governing commercial fishing on the Wabash River boundary waters to change the length of a seine and other technical changes. Amends [312 IAC 9-8-5](#) governing commercial fishing on inland water by making technical changes. Amends [312 IAC 9-8-6](#) governing commercial fishing on the Ohio River to clarify that shovelnose sturgeon and paddlefish can be taken only with a roe harvester's license, prohibit the use of gear within 50 yards of a bay or inlet, clarify tagging requirements for seines and nets, and allow a license holder to submit an inactive license form. Adds [312 IAC 9-8-7](#) governing roe harvester's license for the harvest, possession, or sale of roe. Adds [312 IAC 9-8-8](#) governing a roe dealer's license for the purchasing and processing of roe. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher. Questions may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2200, at [nrcrules@nrc.in.gov](mailto:nrcrules@nrc.in.gov), or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Comments may be sent by regular mail to the address above or through <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>. Statutory authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-22-2-6](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Ombudsman designated by [IC 5-28-17-5](#) is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in [IC 5-28-17-5](#), specifically [IC 5-28-17-5\(9\)](#), investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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